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(54) SEMICONDUCTOR TYPE LIGHTNING ARRESTOR

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide a semiconductor type lightning arrester which prevent malfunction by electric noise by omitting a gate signal generating circuit.

CONSTITUTION: A semiconductor switch circuit 3 consisting of a photothyristor 4 is connected in series with a gap 2. A light transmitting path 6 consisting of, for example, an optical fiber is provided between the photothyristor 4 and the gap 2, and the light of gap discharge by the overvoltage at lightning is introduced into the gate of the photothyristor 4 so as to trigger the

photothyristor. Hereby, the semiconductor switch circuit 3 is turned on, and the system is earthed.

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